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3. As pointed out by the Hon. Minister for Industries, while presenting the Budget for 1961–62 in the Legislative Council, "neither the size of the Public Debt which now stands at Rs. 189 crores, nor the annual servicing charges, should cause us much concern, because we have invested the funds prudently on productive assets. We have invested Rs. 112 crores on Power Projects, Rs. 56 crores on Irrigation Projects and also lent about Rs. 48 crores to cultivators, local bodies and other Statutory Trusts. The book value of all our assets including stocks, shares and buildings, amounts to Rs. 267 crores and this is substantially in excess of the Public Debt" which now stands at Rs. 189 crores.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Questions are over.

Note.—[**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* CENSUS FIGURES.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Sri K. Anbazhagan has given notice of an adjournment motion about census figures in the State.

There is no Government responsibility in this and the matter cannot be raised as an adjournment motion. I do not propose to give my consent to raise the matter.

III.—SERVICE OF SUBPOENA ON THE HON. MEMBERS.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that the Hon. Speaker has received a summons from the Special First Class Magistrate, Coonoor, to be served on an hon. Member of this House. Hon. Members are aware that service of summons on hon. Members within the precincts of the House would amount to a breach of privilege of the House. Further, Hon. Speaker should not be considered as post office for delivery of documents to hon. Members. That service of summons within the precincts should not be resorted to has been impressed on the Government several times. There is also a specific rule in the Assembly Rules, viz., Rule 249 to the effect that legal processes should not be served within the precincts of the House without obtaining the permission of the House. I am returning the summons to the Magistrate to make his own arrangements for the service of the summons. I hope the Government would impress on the authorities concerned not to send summons to the Hon. Speaker or Secretary for being served on members.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am sorry, Sir, that it has happened. As a matter of fact, we have issued instructions that this practice should not be resorted to for the serving of summons on the hon. Members. Certainly, the Government will look into the matter how it has happened and under what circumstances. The Government will take necessary action.

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM : On a point of information, Sir, it has been established that summon should not be served on hon. Member within the precincts of the House. When this is so is it in order for the Judicial Officers to send summons to the hon. Members to be served on them, while the House is in session. I have been invited to give witness in a case during this session which amounts to taking me away from doing the laudable service in this House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon. the Leader of the House has explained the position. Permission of the House could have been obtained if the hon. Member, Sri K. Vinayakam, had informed the House earlier.

IV.—ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) (1) BILLS PASSED BY THE COUNCIL.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that the following Bills have been passed by the Council without any recommendations— 10 a.m.

1. The Madras Agricultural Income-tax (Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 12 of 1961).

2. The Madras General Sales Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 15 of 1961).

3. The Madras (Added Territory) Extension of Laws Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 16 of 1961).

4. The Madras Agricultural Income-tax (Extension to Added Territory) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 23 of 1961).

I have also to announce to the House that the Madras Wakf (Supplementary) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 10 of 1961), has been passed by the Council without any amendment.

(2) NOMINATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ASSOCIATE WITH THE COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have also to announce to the House that the following three Members have been nominated by the Council to associate with the Committee on Subordinate Legislation for the financial year 1961-62.

1. Sri V. Rengasamy.
2. Sri L. S. Karayalar.
3. Sri Mohamed Raza Khan.

V.—CALLING ATTENTION TO SUDDEN RISE IN PRICE OF RICE.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Sir, under Rule 41 of the Assembly Rules, I call the attention of the Hon. the Minister for Home to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the sudden rise in the price of rice.